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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an extension of time for the period indicated below be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to take the action required in the application identified in caption, as reflected by the papers submitted herewith.

X First Month	\$110 (\$ 55)*
X Second Month	\$290 (\$145)*
Third Month	\$520 (\$260)*
Fourth Month	\$520 (\$260)*
Fifth Month	\$520 (\$260)*

*(Small Entity)

TOTAL FEE: \$400.00

A check that is of an amount that includes the above Total Fee is attached. This amount is believed to be correct; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If one or more (additional) extension(s) of time is/are required for the filing of this paper, such extension(s) is/are hereby expressly petitioned for and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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